

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the allowable subject matter of Claims 10, 12, 24, 26, 38, 40, and 46. The Examiner has objected to Claims 10, 12, 24, 26, 38, 40, and 46 as being dependent on rejected base claims, and has stated that such claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant respectfully asserts that the claims have been amended, substantially as suggested by the Examiner.

Thus, all of the independent claims are deemed allowable. Moreover, the remaining dependent claims are further deemed allowable, in view of their dependence on such independent claims.

Furthermore, applicant brings to the Examiner's attention the subject matter of new independent Claims 48-50, which are allowable for similar, but not identical reasons.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 505-5100. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1351 (Order No. NAHP458).

Respectfully submitted,  
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